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Reid Conference Center Thursday, October 21, 2010

Transonic Dynamics Tunnel 50th Anniversary Celebration

1:10 – 1:15	Welcome Lesa Roe Director, NASA Langley Research Center
1:15 - 1:20	Congratulations Councilman Chris Stuart City of Hampton
1:20 - 1:35	Transonic Dynamics Tunnel Retrospective Woodrow Whitlow Associate Administrator, NASA HQ, Mission Support Directorate
1:35 – 1:50	Transonic Dynamics Tunnel Future Damodar Ambur Director, Ground Facilities and Testing Directorate
1:50 – 1:55	Thanks, Invitation to Tours, Continue Celebration Lesa Roe Director, Langley Research Center
1:55 - 4:00	Tours of Transonic Dynamics Tunnel leaving from and returning to Reid Conference Center

The Transonic Dynamics Tunnel (TDT) is a closed circuit, continuous flow, variable-pressure wind tunnel specializing in identifying, understanding, and solving aeroelastic issues confronting fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters and tiltrotors, and launch and re-entry vehicles. The TDT uses either air or a heavy gas, R-134a, which provides great scaling advantages for properly simulating aeroelastic behavior of flight vehicles. Rotary-wing tests at the TDT have investigated performance, loads, and stability characteristics, while fixed-wing aeroelastic interactions such as flutter, buffet, and divergence have been scrutinized as well.